

REMARKS

Please note the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the Petition for Extension submitted herewith.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note they submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on April 25, 2003. A copy of the Form PTO-FB-A820, with references suitably initialed by the Examiner to indicate his review, is requested.

The amendments have been made to place this application in condition for allowance.

In reciting the values for the variables all occurrences of "and/or terminated" have been removed as redundant, the term "terminated" being subsumed under "substituted". This amendment is in response to item 1 of the Office Action, and it is respectfully submitted that point 1 has been obviated.

Claim 1 has been amended to state that the process is conducted in an inert, alcoholic, or mixed inert/alcohol solvent, as supported at page 12, lines 19-20. This amendment is believed to overcome item 2 raised by the Examiner.

Claim 2 has been amended to identify OR³ as n-butoxide, as supported at page 15, lines 22-23. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment obviates item 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended by removing reference to "the residue of a bulky alcohol." It is respectfully submitted that the amendment obviates item 4 of the Office Action.

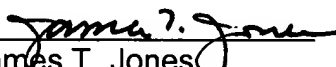
The reference to "haloalkyl" as R⁴ in claim 1 has been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment obviates the Examiner's rejection relating to the non-enablement of R⁴ as haloalkyl.

The specification has been amended at page 1 as suggested by the Examiner. "Cyclisation" has been changed to "displacement".

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections raised by the Examiner have been overcome and/or obviated, and withdrawal of all rejections is accordingly requested. If the Examiner disagrees, it is requested that he contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated to dispose of any issues he believes may remain. This case is otherwise believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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